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1. SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEE ON FEBRUARY 25
ADOPTED ITS FINAL REPORT (COPIES OF FINAL TEXT WILL BE POUCH-
ED TO IO/UNP, NASA AND DOD). BEFORE FINAL DEBATE ON DRAFT REPORT,
US ON FEB. 24 CONGRATULATED JAPAN ON SUCCESSFUL LAUNCHING OF
SATELLITE ETS-II INTENDED TO ACHIEVE GEOSYNCHRONOUS ORBIT, AND
ALSO INFORMED THE SUBCOMMITTEE OF NASA/ESA FEB. 16 ANNOUNCE-
MENT CONCERNING INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION IN 1980 SPACELAB
PAYLOAD. FOLLOWING IS DELEGATION ASSESSMENT OF MAJOR DEVELOP-
MENTS/HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SESSION.

2. CHANGE IN SOVIET ATTITUDE. SOVIETS EMPHASIZED REPEATEDLY
THEIR READINESS TO ENTER INTO PROGRAMS OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERA-
TION IN SPACE RESEARCH AND OFFERED TO DEVELOP BILATERAL AGREE-
MENTS WITH STATES OUTSIDE EASTERN EUROPEA FOR THE SHARING OF
DATA FROM SOVIET REMOTE SENSING SATELLITES. POSITIVE APPROACH
TO INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION, HOWEVER, WAS MADE CONTINGENT
ON WHAT THEY CHARACTERIZED AS IMPROVEMENTS IN OVERALL PO-
LITICAL ATMOSPHERE. CANADIANS QUESTIONED THE SOVIET OF-
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FER, PARTICULARLY WHETHER WILLINGNESS TO NEGOTIATE BILAT-
ERAL AGREEMENTS INVOLVED POLITICAL CONDITIONS, AND ASKED
SOVIETS TO RESPOND IN DETAIL AT LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE SESSION.

3. ROMANIAN REMOTE SENSING STATION. ROMANIA ANNOUNCED
ITS DECISION TO ESTABLISH A REMOTE SENSING STATION, AND
PROVATELY IDENTIFIED IT TO US AS A LANDSAT STATION.

4. ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW DEFINITIONS. THE SUBCOMMITTEE ADOPTED NEW DEFINITIONS OF "PRIMARY DATA" AND "ANALYSED INFORMATION" AS REPORTED VERBATIM IN REFTEL, PARA 3.

5. DEFERRAL OF SOVIET/FRENCH PROPOSALS RE RESOLUTION CUT-OFF. THE SUBCOMMITTEE DID NOT ACCEPT EITHER THE SOVIET OR FRENCH PROPOSAL FOR ESTABLISHING SPATIAL RESOLUTION AS THE CRITERION FOR RESTRICTING DISSEMINATION OF DATA OR INFORMATION FROM REMOTE SENSING SATELLITES. THE FINAL REPORT INDICATES THAT NO AGREEMENT WAS REACHED AND ASKS SECRETARIAT TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON RELEVANT SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL ASPECTS TO ASSIST THE LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE AND THE PARENT COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER FURTHER WHAT LIMITATIONS, IF ANY, SHOULD BE PLACED ON DATA DISSEMINATION. IT NOW APPEARS SOVIETS INTEND TO PURSUE RESTRICTION ISSUE TENACIOUSLY.

6. OUTER SPACE CONFERENCE. UNDER AUSTRIAN LEADERSHIPS THIRD WORLD GROUP PRESSED FOR STSC COMMITMENT NOW TO CONVENING OF OUTER SPACE CONFERENCE IN 1980; INDIA WAS HIGHLY VOCAL ON THIS ISSUE. USSR REMAINED SILENT BUT CZECHS RAISED ISSUES. CZECH OPPOSITION HOWEVER DISAPPEARED IN DRAFTING GROUP. GIVEN US AND LUKE WARM WESTERN OPPOSITION, A COMPROMISE WAS REACHED. FINAL REPORT NOTES THAT MATTER IS REFERRED TO THE OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE'S UPCOMING SESSION WITH RECOMMENDATION FOR FURTHER STUDY BY AD HOC GROUP, CREATION OF WHICH TO BE CONSIDERED BY OSC.

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7. AFRICAN COUNTRIES' ROLE. NIGERIA'S STRONG SUPPORT FOR US/WESTERN POSITIONS ON OPEN DISSEMINATION OF DATA FROM REMOTE SENSING SATELLITES AND RATIONALITY IN CALLING FOR MORE STUDY OF PROPOSED CONFERENCE CAME AS A SURPRISE. IN ADDITION TO EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO US AND OTHERS FOR ASSISTANCE IN REMOTE SENSING TRAINING PROGRAMS, NIGERIA ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS QUESTIONED SOVIET INTENTIONS IN PROPOSING RESTRICTIVE POLICY ON DATA DISSEMINATION. NIGERIAN DEL. CHALLENGED SOVIETS RE THE IMPLICATIONS OF RESTRICTIONS FOR LDC ECONOMIES AND DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES. KENYA SPOKE SPARINGLY AND NONSUBSTANTIVELY AND THERE WAS NO OTHER AFRICAN PARTICIPATION AS EGYPT AND SIERRA LEONE NEVER SPOKE.

8. RELATIVE ROLES OF OTHER STATES. AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES INDIA PARTICIPATED CONSISTENTLY, INDONESIA AND PAKISTAN WERE FREQUENTLY HEARD; BRAZIL AND ARGENTINA URGED SOME FORM OF CONTROL ON DATA DISSEMINATION BUT LITTLE ELSE. NO OTHER LATIN AMERICANS WERE HEARD FROM, ALTHOUGH

MEXICO, VENEZUELA AND CHILE WERE PRESENT THROUGHOUT THE SESSION. ARAB GROUP WAS SILENT. AMONG COMMUNIST COUNTRIES, RUSSIA WAS ACTIVE BUT NOT CONTENTIOUS, TRYING VERY HARD TO PROJECT TEDDY-BEAR IMAGE. CZECHOSLOVAKIA, BULGARIA, GDR AND POLAND SPOKE IN SUPPORT OF SOVIET POSITIONS. ROMANIA APPEARED TO BE CAUTIOUSLY PRESENTING INDEPENDENT AND SOMETIMES DIVERGENT VIEWS FROM THOSE OF USSR AND EES. AMONG OTHERS, UK WAS STAUNCH, FRG WAS VIRTUALLY SILENT, CANADA AND SWEDEN WERE ACTIVE AND OFTEN HELPFUL, AUSTRIA WAS HEARD AND BELGIUM AND ITALY WERE THERE BUT CONTRIBUTED LITTLE OF SUBSTANCE. AUSTRALIA EXCELLED IN CHAIR. JAPANESE WERE PRIVATELY VERY FRIENDLY BUT NOT VOCAL IN MEETINGS. CHAD AND ALBANIA WERE ABSENT.

9. DELEGATION BELIEVES IT FULFILLED ALL OBJECTIVES
PER STATE 32636 AND SUPPLEMENTS AS REFLECTED IN TEXT OF
FINAL STSC REPORT.

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